

Snow today; fair tomorrow; increasing, variable winds.

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HERRAN CONFERS WITH GEN. REYES ON PEACE PLAN

Bolivian Commissioners Take Active Part in Discussion.

Colombians Find Little Sympathy Among the Southern Republics.

Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, had a long conference at the Arlington Hotel last night with General Reyes, the peace commissioner from Colombia, and the members of the committee from the Department of Bolivia.

At the conclusion of the conference Dr. Herran and General Reyes said they discussed the Panama situation carefully. Dr. Herran read many dispatches he has received from his government recently, and reviewed his instructions.

Statement forthcoming.

"It is impossible at this time to say anything about the steps General Reyes will take to bring about the restoration of Panama to Colombia," said Dr. Herran. "A statement will probably be made tomorrow. At present nothing can be said concerning the purpose of General Reyes' visit."

The commissioners from Bolivia were as non-committal as Dr. Herran, and all said it is probable a statement will be made in a short time, setting forth more clearly the mission of General Reyes to this country.

No attempt was made by General Reyes and his associates to communicate with representatives of South and Central American republics for the purpose of bringing about a joint protest against the action of the United States. It is known positively that many of the South American representatives favor the United States in the controversy.

Senor Merou, the Argentine minister, said yesterday he believes the new government in Panama to be the de facto government and expects to be informed soon that his government has recognized the new republic.

Venezuela Indifferent.

Advisors from Venezuela indicate that President Marroquin's appeal to that republic for aid is in vain. It is known that President Castro does not care to take any part in the strife between this country and Colombia. Although Senor Walker-Martinez called on General Reyes yesterday his call was purely of a personal nature. The two men are warm personal friends. It is intimated that Chile will eventually recognize the new republic and is friendly to the United States.

General Reyes comes to Washington as a special commissioner, and is said to be clothed with great authority. He does not supersede Dr. Herran, and his mission is such that Dr. Herran will not be affected by General Reyes' actions, unless something very radical is done.

Senors Angulo and Holguin, who accompanied General Reyes to Washington, also attended the conference last night. The members of the Bolivian commission at the conference were Dr. Blanco and Senors Zuniga and Jimenez.

PANAMA RECOGNIZED BY AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

M. Bura-Varella, the Panama minister, has received from Mr. Hengstler, minister in Hengstler, ambassador of Austria-Hungary, a formal notification of the recognition by that government of the sovereignty and independence of the republic of Panama. This makes the third government, besides the United States, to acknowledge the existence of the new state. The Washington representatives of France and China having already transmitted to M. Bura-Varella favorable replies to the note which he recently sent, apprising their governments of Panama's independence.

The Panama minister leaves this evening for New York to attend to private business. He will be absent from Washington for several days.

MRS. SARAH CLENDENNIN FAILS TO IDENTIFY WATCH

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Nov. 28.—Mrs. Sarah Clendennin and George Hammon, mother and cousin, respectively, of William Clendennin, the operator who was murdered at Brown's Tavern on Thursday, November 19, say that the watch found near Binghamton last Friday is not the timepiece of the murdered operator.

The relatives of the murdered man say there is a striking similarity between the two watches. The hands are broken alike, each crystal is broken, and a locomotive is engraved on the case of each.

BIG COTTON SHIPMENT REACHES FRENCH SHORES

HAVRE, Nov. 28.—The largest shipment of American cotton ever received at this port was landed today. It consisted of 24,000 bales, and it is reported that a number of similar consignments are on the way here.

It is believed that American shippers have made arrangements to control the French market and monopolize the output of all of the French mills.

Christmas Holiday Rates.

Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to teachers and students, December 16 to 22, at very low rates.

DIFFICULT TASK BEFORE SENATE TO ASSIGN ROOMS

Rules Committee May Ignore Precedent to Solve Problem.

MORGAN'S LONG SERVICE

Desire Not to Disturb Present Quarters of Alabama and Ohio Senators.

Senatorial courtesy and personal persuasion will have a good test at the Arlington Hotel the next few days, in the settlement of assignments of a certain few committee chairmen to the rooms they will occupy for the rest of their terms of office, or until they are promoted or displaced. The arrangement of all the details where any departure from the strict rule of succession is considered, is in the hands of the Committee on Rules, of which the chairman is Senator Spooner of Wisconsin, and Sergeant-at-Arms Tansell of the Senate.

The routine changes incident to promotions are usually easy enough of solution. A Senator who has been in the Senate annex is satisfied to get into a terrace room at the Capitol proper, while those who have been in the terrace rooms are thankful to get a committee room of more pretentious appearance and location nearer the Senate chamber. There are a few Senators, however, who have been so desirably located they have no wish to change their official quarters to accord with the new committee assignments, and these separate instances are expected to be decided regardless of precedent.

May Lose Fine Quarters.

Senator Hanna has occupied, as chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, a room which is regarded as one of the most desirable in any portion of the Capitol. It is on the main floor, west front, directly opposite the rotunda. It has splendid light, new furniture, and every facility and comfort. From its windows there is an unobstructed view toward the right up Pennsylvania Avenue to the Treasury and the White House. To the left is the Mall and the Washington Monument.

The Ohio Senator, as chairman of the Committee on Canal Commerce, would in the ordinary course of affairs, move to the room heretofore occupied by that committee. This is not far from his present room, but is not so desirable a location. The committee was considered heretofore one of the lesser committees of the Senate, and the rooms it occupied are inside ones.

The question, therefore, is whether Senator Hanna will move into the new committee room without question or whether some arrangement will be made to permit his remaining where he is.

Senator Dryden has been appointed head of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, and can claim the room. If he wishes, the pre-eminent position of the Ohio Senator in the Republican party may secure him favorable consideration, however, especially since his New Jersey colleague is one of the newer members of the Senate, and may not desire to insist on his claim as against Senator Hanna.

Morgan's Future Office.

Mr. Morgan's displacement from the chairmanship of the Inter-oceanic Canal Committee takes him from the main floor rooms and, according to rule, would give him a gallery floor room. This is the headquarters of the Committee on Public Health and National Quarantine. To reach it, passage is necessary through the Senate document room, filled with file cases. It was the committee room of Senator Vest of Missouri, whose term expired last March.

When the aged Missouri senator left the Senate his room was pre-empted by Mr. Tiltman, chairman of the Committee on Revolutionary Claims. He was then in the Senate annex, as the Maltby Building is known, and regarded any place in the Capitol proper as preferable to being so far away. So he moved in, and is there now.

Rather than put Senator Morgan in such an inaccessible and unpretentious room, a plan is under consideration to place him somewhere else and leave Tiltman in undisputed possession. This will be decided probably in the course of the next few days. Until the Rules Committee comes to an agreement, the moving day will not be determined on by the Senators involved.

TWO GIRLS KILLED BY EXPRESS TRAIN

MONONGAHELA, Pa., Nov. 28.—Evelyn and Minnie Thompson, aged sixteen and nineteen years, respectively, only children of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson, of Coal Bluffs, were run down and instantly killed by an express train on the Pittsburgh, Virginia and Charleston Railroad at 6:30 o'clock this evening.

The girls had, a few minutes previously, started to walk to the home of a friend at Runola, to spend the Sabbath. They stepped from one track to avoid an approaching freight train, and were run down directly in front of the express which came up behind them at a high rate of speed.

BONANZA DISCOVERY NEAR HILLSBORO, N. M.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 28.—A dispatch from the Sierra County Bank at Hillsboro, N. M., last night, said a bonanza discovery has just been made near Hillsboro. Large nuggets have been found. The dispatch says the third judicial court adjourned today, and everybody, including Judge Parker and other court officials, has rushed to the scene of the discovery.

OVERTURNED LAMP CAUSES DEATH OF TWO

CENTRAL CITY, Ky., Nov. 28.—By the overturning of a lamp in their home today, Mrs. W. P. Warren and her sister, May Morris, were burned to death. Mrs. Warren, a six-year-old son saved his baby sister's life by wrapping her in a shawl and carrying her out through the flames. He was slightly burned as a result.

ETRURIA BRINGS AMBASSADOR FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Met in New York by Second Secretary of the Legation.

IN WASHINGTON TODAY

Will Be Joined by Wife and Daughter Before the Holidays.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the new ambassador from Great Britain, arrived by the Etruria this afternoon. He was met down the bay by Clarence W. Bowen, brother of the United States minister to Venezuela, in whose house, 5 East Sixty-third Street, he will be a guest until tomorrow, when he will leave here for Washington. He will present his credentials to Secretary Hay on Tuesday and be introduced to President Roosevelt.

Lady Durand and her daughter, Miss Amy, will join the ambassador at Washington before Christmas. The new ambassador was met at the dock by Percy Wyndham, second secretary of the British embassy, and Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul general to this city.

Would Not Talk.

Ambassador Durand declined to discuss affairs on the isthmus.

"I am rather a seeker after information," he said, "than a source of it. It is only just before I sailed that news was received that Panama had declared independence."

Of the story that the British and American fleets will join in maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea, he said he had no information. He said, however, that the relations of England and this Government never were more cordial, and that no friction need be feared over the isthmus.

Ambassador Durand displayed great interest in the condition of Emperor William, and when told that another operation would probably be necessary, said: "When one hears of this kind of operation, one thinks of the fatal illness of the Emperor's father."

Other arrivals on the Etruria were Dr. F. H. Bowers, Joseph K. Krowther, John Ritchie, a son of the chancellor of the exchequer, and Charles Ritchie, son of the lord mayor, both cousins, who are en route to Mexico.

Due Here Today.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the newly appointed British ambassador to the United States will arrive in Washington today to take up his abode at the embassy here, which has been placed in readiness in anticipation of his coming.

Percy Wyndham, second secretary of the legation, went to New York to meet the steamer on which Sir Mortimer came from England.

The ambassador will soon be joined by his wife and daughter, and their arrival has long been pleasantly anticipated in diplomatic circles, as Sir Henry and his family will take an important part in the social life of the Capital.

It cannot be stated definitely until the new ambassador arrives whether any important changes in the personnel of the embassy staff will be made.

WINTER COVERS CITY WITH SNOW MANTLE

Icy Particles Fall for an Hour and the Moon Looks Out Upon a Scene of White.

The first real snow of the season fell last night. It is true that several weeks ago there was a flurry, a few flakes dimming the sunshine for a few minutes, but none of it reached the streets and sidewalks. It disappeared in the air. Last night, however, the fall was thick and fast.

Up to 7 o'clock there was no suggestion of a storm. Suddenly the temperature began to rise and the skies to cloud. By 9 o'clock the sidewalks were white, horses were falling on the slippery asphalt, the boys were fighting battles with snowballs, and the streets took on the appearance of real winter. The flakes continued to mantle the city in white for nearly an hour, then the fall ceased, the skies became clear, and the moon again shed her radiance on the big white Government buildings, the Saturday night crowds, and the snow, making a beautiful picture.

The officers of the Weather Bureau last night estimated that one-quarter of an inch of snow fell. A number of accidents were reported, in which horses and people fell, but none were serious. One of the sights which attracted attention along in the snow with the ease of the days in summer when country and seashore roads were given over to them, was the sight of it to be clear and warmer today.

GUINESE BANDITS IN MANCHURIA SCARE RUSSIA

Czar Assigns Reason for Sending More Troops to the Orient.

LONDON IS STARTLED

Regarded as Merest Pretext for Avoiding Injuries by Japan.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—The Russian government has determined that it will not permit the Chinese bandits who are causing a reign of terror in Manchuria.

Orders have been sent to Viceroy Alexieff, directing him to order a strong force of infantry to patrol the territory in which the robbers have been working.

In order that he may have men enough at his disposal to stamp out organized outlaws, more troops are to be sent to the Far East at once. A large detachment started today and more will follow before the end of the month.

REGARDED IN LONDON AS A FLIMSY PRETEXT

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The news that the Russian government is sending more troops to the Far East under the pretext they are needed to deal with the Chinese bandits in Manchuria has created something of a sensation in diplomatic circles here.

It is generally held that the reason assigned at St. Petersburg is far greater than claimed, and that the real reason is the desire to have a large force on hand ready for land operations should war with Japan come in the near future. Russia already has a large force of men in Manchuria, and there is no doubt that if Admiral Alexieff wanted more men for service against the Chinese bandits he would have sent marines from the ships under his command.

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INJURIES TO JOCKEY MAY PROVE FATAL

Steeplechase Rider Thrown at Benning Yesterday Afternoon.

Jockey Richard Saffel, a steeplechase rider, who had the mount on a horse called Red Hawk in the Hunters' Champion Steeplechase at Benning yesterday afternoon, was perhaps fatally injured when his horse fell at the next to the last jump. Saffel was running third with his horse when he went down, and was in a fair way of finishing in one of the places. Soon after Red Hawk fell, Saffel was thrown from his horse, and he was taken to the hospital.

The jockey was picked up unconscious, and hurried off to Providence Hospital, Dr. Kerr, the track surgeon, upon examination found that Saffel was suffering from concussion of the brain, and at a late hour last night he had not regained consciousness. It is impossible to tell, Dr. Kerr stated last night, how badly Saffel is injured, until a thorough examination is made, which can not be done until he regains consciousness.

Saffel is an experienced steeplechase rider, and has ridden many races over the Benning course. He has the reputation of being an honest and fearless rider, and is very popular with lovers of cross-country sport.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS OVER COAST OF FRANCE

PARIS, Nov. 28.—The severe storm that has been sweeping over the west coast of France for the last two days, continues unabated, and reports of devastation and death are slowly coming in.

Two additional wrecks of fishing smacks are reported in the channel, and all on board are believed to have perished. A woman was blown from a pier into the channel at Cherbourg, and she was drowned in sight of a large number of persons who were unable to render any assistance.

CZAR REFUSES TO QUIT BEDSIDE OF CZARINA

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.—It is said here that the Czar cannot be induced to leave the bedside of the Czarina during her present illness, and that this fact is causing much embarrassment to the state department, which is unable to finally dispose of a number of important matters. This is especially so of the questions arising out of the Far Eastern situation.

WEST POINTERS FIND ANNAPOLIS MEN EASY ON FRANKLIN FIELD

ROBERT E. PEARY WILL GO NORTH IN STRONG SHIP

Is to Start Next June by the Smith Sound Route, Which He Believes Only Practicable One.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Commander Robert E. Peary, who returned from England and Germany on the American liner Philadelphia today, said that the only question of his reaching the north pole on the trip which he will begin next June lay in his ability to get a ship strong enough.

"I am after the ship Gauss, which has recently returned from a polar expedition," he said. "She is just the vessel I want, and I think we will be able to get her."

"If I succeed in reaching the north end of Grant Land I will most certainly get to the pole. Grant Land is only 500 miles from the extreme northern point of the world, and the journey from that point to the pole can be made by sledges."

"This is to be my greatest effort, and I expect to have such rough usage that I will not be able to take Mrs. Peary along."

Why He Anticipates Success.

"I think I will reach the pole this time, for three reasons. One is that no man is more familiar with the Arctic zone and has had more experience than I have. The second reason is that I know the roads more thoroughly than any other man."

STAGE HANDS ATTEMPT TO HINDER BELASCO TO BRITISH MINISTRY

Obstacles to Production of the New Play.

CUT CABLES OF THE DROPS

Echoes of Theatrical Trust Fight in the Flies of Lafayette Opera House.

The local engagement of "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" developed many interesting features unknown to the public. New York papers made much of the fact that the attitude of members of the theatrical trust was anything but favorable to David Belasco, manager of Henrietta Crossman, Mrs. Leslie Carter, Blanche Bates and other stars.

It was even asserted by some that the combined efforts of members of the syndicate would be put forth to "crush" Mr. Belasco. Just how far these motives were carried in the course of the past week and just how much success accrued to the managers in question is a matter that has been religiously kept from the press.

It has developed, however, that the costumes in New York failed to get the costumes for "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" to Washington in time for the dress rehearsal on Tuesday night, and much anxiety was felt by Mr. Belasco and members of his company. It is now said that Mr. Belasco's enemies in New York attempted to do it that the costumes were given over work and higher pay for the dresses and uniforms for "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" might suffer. Everything came on time, however.

Stage Carpenter Quits.

Six stage hands came over to assist the head stage carpenter in adjusting the intricate scenery. At the last moment the head stage carpenter and builder of the scenery was called out and with him went four of the New York stage hands.

This left two, and, it is said by members of the company, one of them cut the cables of the red silk drop curtain so that in the course of the last rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon it was found the curtain and some of the drops were not working. While the dress rehearsal was going on Wednesday morning some one disturbed the scaffolding in the ballroom scene and the whole platform was about to give way when the danger was noticed by Mr. Belasco and his assistants in front. It took six or eight men to hold the platform up while members of the company climbed down to safety. In the early part of the rehearsal of the second act a large property tree was released from its fastenings and fell with a crash to the stage. Again several members of the company who happened to be on in that scene narrowly escaped serious injury.

To Retard Production.

All this, it is said, has been done with a view of retarding the production of "Sweet Kitty Bellairs" and so reflecting seriously on Mr. Belasco. The head stage carpenter, it was stated last night, was the only one who was familiar with the mechanism of the scenery, and Mr. Belasco was almost totally dependent upon him for its successful handling. The man has been in Mr. Belasco's employ for quite a long time, and his action last Wednesday night in leaving the manager in the lurch, so to speak, is hard to account for.

ALABAMA FLOORING—Nicely Worked—\$2.50 per 100 ft. Libbey & Co. 6th & N. Y. Ave. N. Y. C.

Navy Scores First, But After Goal From Placement the Game Is a Procession for the Army.

PROMINENT OFFICIALS AND THEIR WIVES SEE STRUGGLE OF GIANTS

Sailors Put Up Plucky Contest and the Entire Team Is Badly Battered—Final Score, 40 to 5.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28.—For the fourth consecutive time in as many years, the West Point Cadets triumphed over the Annapolis Middles, winning the annual football contest today on Franklin Field by the one-sided score of 40 to 5.

The game was played under conditions that were ideal for football, and spurred to desperation by their opponents' making the first goal when they were not expected to endanger the Army goal line, the West Pointers worked like beavers to roll up a big score and bring about the complete humiliation of their opponents. They succeeded.

Society Was There.

Society, in all its splendor, turned out to witness the game, contributing for its seats a sum which will reach \$15,000, and which will be turned over to widows and orphans of officers and enlisted men in both branches of the service. Official life of Washington was strongly represented.

In the boxes were Secretaries Moody, Root, and Cortelyou, Assistant Secretaries Durlin and Taylor, Admiral Taylor, Representative and Mrs. McCallister, Mrs. Leonard Wood, Senator Hale, Major General Chaffee, Assistant Secretary of State Putney, General Miles, Major General Brooks, Colonel Mills, and Major General Corbin. Among the others present were Mrs. Edwin Gould, former Secretary Lamont, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Supt. Brownson, Admiral Clark, Admiral Sigbee, Governor Pennington of Pennsylvania, Admiral Crowninshield, Admiral Benham, a host of other army and navy officials, wives and families, accompanied many of the notables.

Navy Kicks Goal.

The Navy won the toss and selected the west goal. The Army lads began to fumble as soon as play started. Two fumbles allowed the Navy to get the ball on its opponents' 15-yard line. A high pass to Davis for a kick resulted in a fumble, and Grady fell on the ball. An effort at line-bucking proved the uselessness of this method of play on the part of the Navy, and Chambers dropped back and kicked a difficult goal from placement on the 25-yard line.

This was a big surprise, as it had been expected that the middles would not score. The soldier boys, it is said, went into the game with the determination to annihilate the Navy team, and the list of cripples shows how well they succeeded.

Touchdown for Army.

After an exchange of punts and the foolhardiness of bucking the stonewall defense of the Army lads had been illustrated, the West Pointers got the ball on Strassburger's fumble on his own 25-yard line. The ball was then rushed down the field, and Hill was pushed over for a touchdown. Graves kicked the goal, and the Army was in the lead.

Captain Farnsworth, who was injured, retired after this play, and Prince went in. Strassburger's fumble of a punt on his own 15-yard line allowed Hammond to recover the pigskin, and he carried it eight yards nearer the goal. Two plays allowed Davis to carry the ball over for the second touchdown. Thompson promptly booted the goal.

Procession for Soldiers.

After an exchange of punts the Army got the ball on their opponents' 30-yard line. Hill made ten yards and Prince went through the Navy line for a 40-yard run and a touchdown, brushing Strassburger aside in his flight. Doe kicked the goal and the first half ended with the score 18 to 5 in favor of West Point.

Recognizing that their only salvation lay in field goals, the Navy tried for the same whenever opportunity afforded. Shortly after the beginning of play in the second half Chambers tried a goal from placement on the 20-yard line, but Shoup blocked the kick. Hammond's interference on Davis' kick caused the Army to be penalized. Chambers again tried a field goal and again it was blocked. The Army then resumed straight line bucking and worked the ball down the field for gains of over ninety yards. Prince eventually making the touchdown. Doe's attempt at a goal was blocked.

More Touchdowns.

Strassburger's fumbling of a punt gave the Army another chance for a touchdown. On the ball on the Navy's 15-yard line, six plunges at the Navy line left a hole through which Hill scampered for the touchdown. This time, Doe was successful in kicking the goal. After an exchange of punts, West Point got the pigskin on its opponents' 20-yard line, and made steady advances through

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